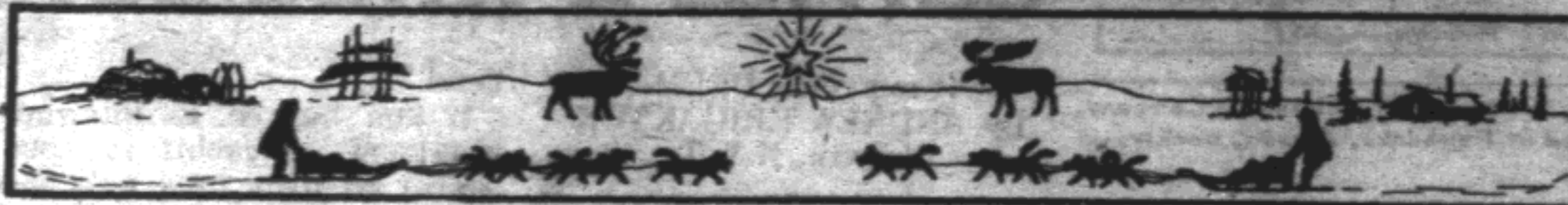


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GRUENING'S LAND STATEMENT

JOHNSON STUNS COUNTRY BY DECIDING NOT TO RUN

Last Sunday, the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, stunned the country and the world when he made an unexpected announcement that he is not running for President to succeed himself.

In a 40 minute nationwide broadcast, during which he announced that he had ordered a pause in the air-sea attack on Vietnam which he called "the first step to de-escalate" the Far East war. The President made the following announcement that took the country by complete surprise:

THE PRESIDENT

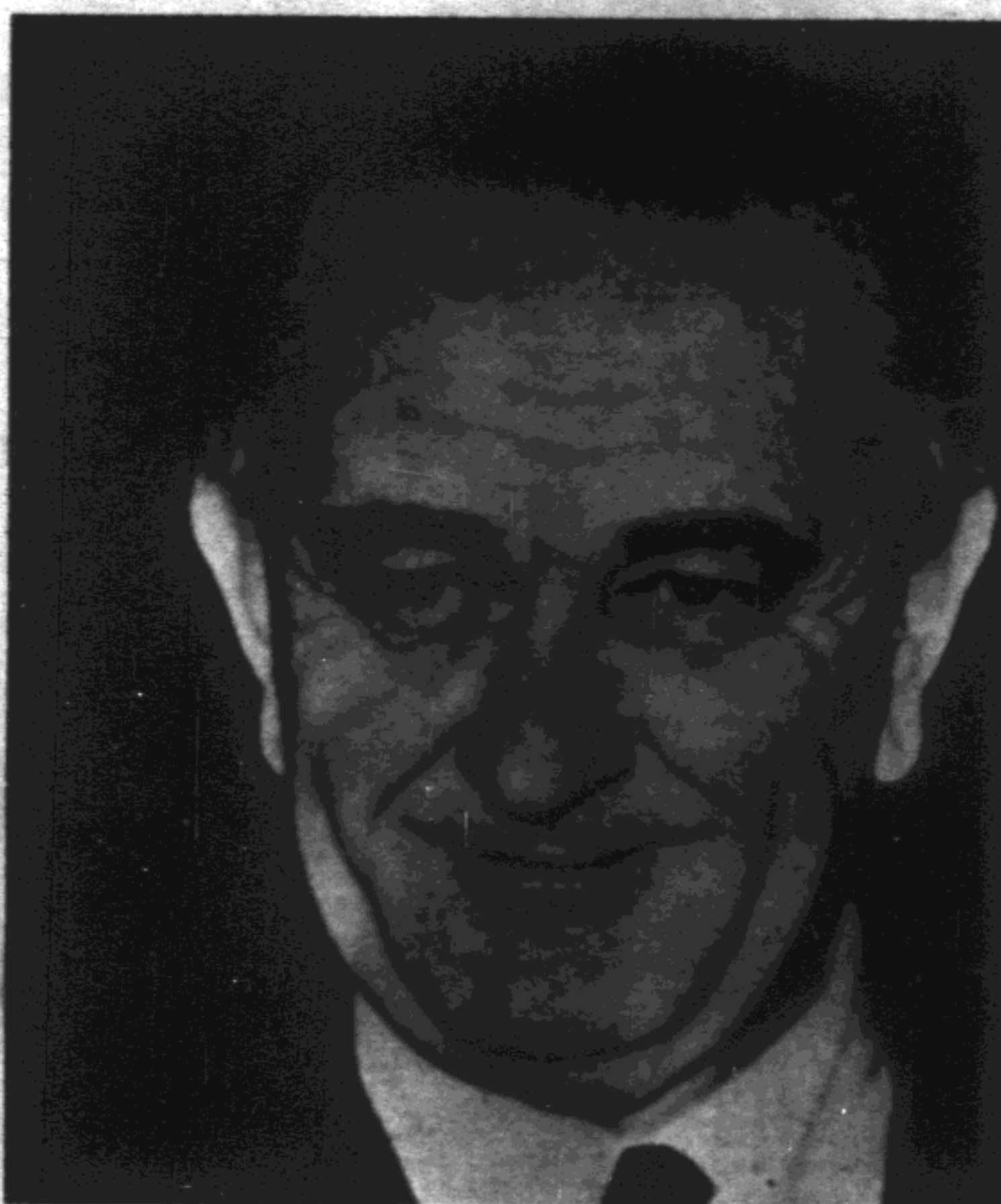
Throughout my entire public career I have followed the personal philosophy that I am a free man, an American, a public servant and a member of my Party, in that order always and only.

For 37 years in the service of our nation, first as a Congressman, as a Senator and as Vice President and now as your President, I have put the unity of the people first. I have put it ahead of any divisive partisanship.

And in these times as in times before, it is true that a house divided against itself by the spirit of faction, of party, of region, of religion, of race, is a house that cannot stand.

There is division in the American house now. There is divisiveness among us all tonight. And holding the trust that is mine, as President of all the people, I cannot disregard the peril to the progress of the American people and the hope and the prospect of peace for all peoples.

So, I would ask all Americans, whatever their personal interests or concern,



His Decision Irrevocable

to guard against divisiveness and all its ugly consequences.

Fifty-two months and ten days ago, in a moment of tragedy and trauma, the duties of this office fell upon me. I asked then for your help and God's, that we might continue America on its course, binding up our wounds, healing our history, moving forward in new unity, to clear the American agenda and to keep the American commitment for all of our people.

United we have kept that commitment. United we have enlarged that commitment.

Through all time to come, I

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Gruening Clarifies Stand On Freeze; Hints Land Bill Snag This Session

Senator Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska, makes an exclusive statement in the Tundra Times this week to natives and non-natives regarding land claims legislation and to clarify his position on the land freeze in Alaska imposed by the Department of the Interior.

Gruening's statement contains other points of vital importance that bear careful attention by our readers.

A STATEMENT

By ERNEST GRUENING
U.S. Senator for Alaska

I am 100 per cent for Alaska native land claims legislation in the most generous form that we can get it passed. I will say modestly that it would not have gotten anywhere to date if it hadn't been for my unceasing and unremitting efforts.

Elary Gromoff, Jr. Enters Academy At West Point

WASHINGTON—Two Alaskans, Elary Gromoff, Jr. of St. Paul Island, and James P. Kelliher of Nome, have been accepted for entrance to the United States Military Academy at West Point, Senator E. L. Bartlett announced.

Gromoff and Kelliher, both 18 years old, will enter the Military Academy with the class of 1972, which takes

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As far back as seven years ago when under the Kennedy Administration, Stewart Udall became Secretary of the Interior. I repeatedly urged him and pleaded with him to come to grips with this long overdue problem dating from 1884 when the Organic Act of that year specifically stated that the native people and others could not be disturbed in their possession of the lands occupied or claimed by them.

The action that I repeatedly asked of Stewart Udall was to have a bill drafted that would make it possible to carry out the provisions of the Act of 1884 in a form that would have the endorsement of the administration. Obviously such a bill in order to stand a chance of enactment by the Congress would have to have the administration's approval but it was not until 1967, six years after Stewart Udall had taken office, that he sent up a draft of such a bill.

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N. York Company Would Start Needlework Factory in Alaska

On his recent trip to the east coast, Don Wright of Anchorage talked with the officials of the 4 Star Sportsman Manufacturing Co. in New York.

This company, which has factories only on the east coast, is showing intent and wants to assist in getting a demonstration needlework industry started in Alaska.

According to Wright, the company is willing to set up a factory that would hire 20 to 200 Alaska natives.

The factory would be constructed if the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agencies will assist the native people in the preparation of the program.

The 4 Star company would supply technical assistance, including the estimate of costs for facilities and equipment.

The company would also like to begin immediately on a training program and send 20 native people to their factories in the east for training. They would supply instructors to begin training those people in the use of the equipment.

The 4 Star Manufacturing
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Editorial—

The Awesome Power Of the President

The President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson, shook the collective senses of the people of America and the world last Sunday when he made a momentous statement that he would not seek the Presidency of his country to succeed himself.

Except for a very few people close to him, he caught the country and the world by complete surprise. The result was shock and disbelief on the part of his political followers, his political foes and millions of

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Lacking Knowledge of Marked Bear He Killed Angers Eskimo

Barrow, Alaska
March 29, 1968

Dear Editor:

You probably have never received a mad letter from full blooded Eskimo so here's one...

You see, yesterday my Cousin Roxy Oyagak and myself went out hunting. We went out about 25 miles off Barrow, thought we catch some seals.

We didn't expect to see a polar bear since half a dozen or so little planes and a helicopter are flying for polar bears.

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